



COBURG NORTH

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Welcome to Coburg North Primary School

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Dear Subscribers Name,

Welcome to the Coburg North Primary School's Newsletter we hope you find it an interesting and informative read. Below you will find all of the newsletter's articles; you can do a quick read or click through to read the full article.

Each newsletter article is posted as a 'Recent News' article on the [website](#) and can be read at any time. Newsletters, in pdf form, can also be downloaded from the school app or website. You'll also find the 'Event Quick View' on the school app and front page righthand side of the website this is useful for reminders about upcoming events.

If you have any feedback or suggestions about what you'd like to read in the newsletter, please contact us at coburg.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you would like to read the Community News please go to the [website](#).



Principal's News

In this Principal's News: Welcome to term 4, communications update, class input for 2019 and traffic on Jersey and Bishops Streets.

Welcome Back to Term 4!

QUARTERLY UPDATE

I'd like to welcome everyone back to school and hope that you all had a great time with your family. We headed out to the bush to enjoy the fresh air and take in the sun rays. I certainly enjoyed the time to relax, unwind and reflect on all things CNPS. During the break I got an opportunity to watch 'Most Likely to Succeed', a documentary about education and curriculum reform in 21st century America, where filmmaker Greg Whiteley reveals the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world.

This film highlighted my own concerns for education in Australia and what we must do to reform our own education system in order for our students to strive in the 21st century workforce. I too, as well as many other educators in Australia are asking, why has our education system stayed the same while our economy has so drastically shifted due to changes in technology? Last week I proposed to staff that we move ahead with advances to technology and move towards transitioning from a 1-1 netbook program to a 1-1 iPad approach. This approach will transform teaching practice over the next few years where we will see technology seamlessly integrated into student's learning and mirror the world that they currently live in. More discussions on how we will move forward will take place over the next coming months.

THINGS TO MENTION

Communication

As most of you are aware, CNPS has a Communication and People Power committee led by staff and parents. At our meeting last week we discussed our movements for streamlining our communication channels and making life easier for both parents and staff. We decided to move all of our communication channels to COMPASS due to the programs ability to cater for both parents and staff's communication and organisational needs. This will eliminate communication breakdowns as well as provide benefits for families with siblings at our feeder secondary schools who also use COMPASS. Currently we are working on a plan of action to roll it out. We are striving to have everything in place by the end of the year, ready for full implementation in 2019. A comprehensive detail of this initiative will come out shortly. We ask everyone for your patience as well as your feedback

during this transition.

2019 Class Input

It is about this time, class structures and placements for 2019 are in development ready for a smooth transition. Many factors are taken into consideration when creating class lists to ensure an even balance across all grade levels. One of the considerations that we use during this process are parent requests. It is important to note that parent requests are only considered based upon the student's positive or negative influence they may have when being placed within a classroom. It is important to note that we do not place students into classes based on choice. We would like to ask that all requests be sent to me [via email](#) by the end of October.

Traffic on Jersey and Bishop Streets

After some discussion about the traffic congestion on the Coburg Good Karma Network social media site, the Moreland City Council Mayor and traffic management council members arranged a meeting with myself and our school president, onsite to witness the traffic congestion. This is a positive step forward for improving the safety for our students and the community on both Jersey and Bishop streets. As a result of the meeting there will be parking changes to these streets, including O'Hea Street that will occur over the next month. Once we hear back from Moreland City Council, we will inform you of the changes. Could parents also be aware that parking inspectors will be frequently patrolling the area during these times.

Monika Gruss
Principal



Parents and Friend's News

In this Parents and Friend's News: Special lunch, Mangos galore, twilight picnic, footy and raffle windfall and get ready to disco.

P&Fs lunch

Parents & Friends will host a special lunch on Friday, November 2. It will be sushi (with vegetarian options) for \$3 a roll, with lashings of honey/caramel popcorn.

As all sushi will be made on the day, we need about eight to 10 volunteers. Forms will go out to classes soon. If you can help, please email the group at cnps_pf@hotmail.com

Meet the principal picnic

There will be a twilight picnic on the oval next Thursday, October 25, from 6pm to 8pm, the main purpose being to welcome and meet the school's new principal, Monika Gruss. It's BYO food, drinks and picnic rug.

Also at the picnic we will conclude the TRIVIA NIGHT SILENT AUCTION! There will be great prizes available so bring along some cash! For auction Info- Contact Jenny Dun 0416 393 785

Footy and raffle windfall

Thanks to everyone for making the annual Footy Day special lunch and the Rotary raffle such a great success. The lunch raise almost \$1300 and the raffle more than \$1000 to go towards the new playground for the school.

Mangoes

Support the school and buy a tray or two of delicious top grade Queensland Bowen Mangoes! Proceeds headed towards funding the new playground. Mango Drive Forms and money are due back Thursday 25th October to the office.

There will be a prize for the class with the most mango trays ordered and an individual prize to the person with the most Mangoes sold!

Contact: Jenny Dun - 0416 393 785

Disco fever

The Foundation to Grade 2 disco will be held on Friday, November 16. Tickets are \$10 which includes hair spray and a drink/fruit.

Organiser Erika Vella has mustered eight helpers so far but needs more!

She also needs a few metric tonnes of lemons – to make the perennially popular lemon cordial – a few jugs for water and some extension cords.

If you can help, contact Erika at erikavella@gmail.com.

Ticket - \$10 includes hair spray and drink/fruit.



DISCO

Foundation - Grade 2

Friday 16th
November 2018

6 - 7.30pm

BROUGHT TO YOU BY PARENTS AND FRIENDS AT CNPS. SEE OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Don't miss out on finding out.....

Do you want to find out what your child is doing in class this term? Then check out the [Curriculum outline](#) for Term 4, 2018. Look for it anytime under the 'Curriculum' drop down on our website's navigation.



Out of School Hours Care - Parent Survey Term 4 2018.

Out of Hours School Program is keen to gather some ideas and feedback from parents and community members to help inform our planning for next year. To enable this, we would appreciate you taking the time to complete this [short survey](#).

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that we are well into Term 4 the Out of Hours School Program is keen to gather some ideas and feedback from parents and community members to help inform our planning for next year.

To enable this, we would appreciate you taking the time to complete this short survey. The survey will help us to gain a clearer picture of what families feel we are doing well, and what the areas for possible development might be. Thank you very much for your support.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cnpsohsct32018>



Last Bookclub for 2018

Pamphlets will be going home for our last Bookclub for 2018. Bookclub has the option to identify an order as a gift. This means that it will not be distributed to the student but it will be held in the Office for collection by an adult. Orders are due by Friday 2nd November.

Bookclub is back for 2018. This year we will be offering Bookclub once a term. It is a great opportunity for you and your child to discuss the merit and cost of titles, then perhaps make a selection from the brochure. It is a win/win situation. Your

child has the pleasure of a new book or two and the school receives bonus points that are used by the Library in a number of ways.

All items being ordered by credit card are done through the LOOP option. When ordering via LOOP you actually submit the order yourself – do not send any order forms to the school. When the school's order is being processed, all of the LOOP orders download automatically. Your child will receive their order through the classroom the same as before. The school also receives the same rewards as previously and there is a huge reduction in the amount of processing done by the school.

Purchases can still be made with cash or cheque, (made out to Scholastic) though LOOP is preferred. If paying by cash, please send correct money in a well-sealed envelope or bag. (Zip lock bags are great).

Brochures have been distributed and are due by Friday 2nd November. No late orders can be accepted.



Digital Technologies and eSafety at CNPS - sharing photos online

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is a fantastic online resource for parents and children to learn more about being cybersmart and cybersafe when it comes to the digital environment.

Is 'sharenting' a good idea?

Taking photos of your kids is the perfect time to #talkb4sharing

Parents often get conflicting advice about whether or not it's ok for them to take and share their children's images online. Some parents share images readily. Others hold back because they worry that their children might be embarrassed later on or that posting images of their children online potentially exposes their family to harm.

So just how should parents handle these issues?

First: talk to your kids

If you believe it's important to share photos of your child, make sure you have conversations with your child about it. If they're old enough to understand, talk with them about what you wish to do, where the photos will go and what the potential consequences are. By having these conversations early and often, your child is going to grow up more aware of the strengths and pitfalls of having their image online. It is also important to help your child understand that you will continue to be part of their life online, and can help them along the journey. This is an important step in building children's digital literacy, teaching them how to be safe online, and preparing them to get the most from their digital interactions.

But, hang on, my child can't legally give consent for me to share their photo, can they?

Correct. But that's not the main point of involving them. By asking your child if it's ok to take their picture, and then having a conversation about whether and how you can share it online, you are modelling good practice. If you can have these conversations early and often, you can help your child understand the digital world, make decisions that keep themselves and others safe, and enable them to get the most out of being online. It also lets them know they can speak to you about anything they encounter online and that you plan to be involved in their digital lives.

How can I start a conversation with my child about sharing their photos online?

Whenever you want to take your child's photo, we suggest that you explain why you'd like to take a photo, and then ask them whether it's ok for you to do so. Something like: 'You look so fantastic in your new school uniform. I'd really like to take a photo so we can remember this moment. Is that ok?'

The next step is to talk to your child about how, why and with whom you'd like to share the image—and ask them if that's ok. For example, 'I'd really like to share this image with Granny and Grandpa because they are so excited that you are starting school today. Is it ok if I post it online for them to see?'

Wherever possible, involve your child in the process of sharing their image online. Get them to help you choose which image/s to share. Ask who they would like to share it with. Use this process as an opportunity to talk about who it is appropriate to share with and why.

If your child does refuse you permission to share their pictures, you can voice your disappointment (explaining why) but respect their decision because this is about modelling appropriate behaviour for your kids.

Is it safe to share my children's pictures online? What can I do to make sure that I'm not doing anything that can harm my child or my family?

Sharing photos online is a wonderful way to share special occasions with friends and family, but it also comes with some risk. There are steps you can take to

reduce the possibility of exposure to harm.

1. Avoid sharing photos and videos that contain personal details, such as full names, personal contact information, or uniforms that identify location.
2. Avoid adding comments to photos that identify locations, e.g. street address, the name of the school your child is attending, or even identifying features in front of your home.
3. Only share with people who you really know and trust. Rather than posting to all of your friends on social media, be selective and use the privacy settings on your social media platform. Also, be aware that if one of your friends likes your picture, it may also become visible to their friends. If you're not comfortable with this, you might reconsider how you share your child's image.
4. Always check with other parents before posting and sharing images which include their children.
5. Be mindful of metadata—most digital photos contain information about the time, date and GPS coordinates of where the photo was taken. Some social media platforms automatically hide or remove this data, so do your homework and know how much info you're sharing.

Where can I find more information and ideas for dealing with these issues?

- [eSafety iParent resources](#)
- [Privacy Commissioner's Office](#)



ThinkUKnow – Cyber Safety Parent Presentation

Coburg North Primary School will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Tuesday 23 October, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. All parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

The dates for the student presentation are still to be confirmed.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact the school at coburg.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ThinkUKnowRSVP>



Cardboard Boxes, Unwanted Jeans and Odd Socks, Please!

In Term 4, the Grade 1/2's will be exploring construction in Visual Arts. In preparation for the units of work planned, we will need the following items: cardboard boxes and odd socks. The Grade 5's will be making creatures using jeans, as part of a textile

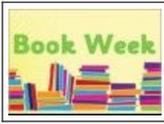
unit.

In Term 4, the Grade 1/2 students will be exploring construction in Visual Arts through puppet making. As part of this unit, I would like students to design and create various puppets by recycling items; transforming cardboard food packaging and socks into puppets. If you have any of these items spare, we would greatly appreciate your donations and it would also assist students in learning to reuse household materials which would otherwise possibly end up in landfill.

The Grade 5's will be making creatures using discarded jeans. The jeans can be ripped and torn, as the students will mainly be using the back pockets to form the body of their creature or animal.

Donations can be made to the Art Room. I am hoping to receive as many cardboard boxes, socks and unwanted jeans that we can gather.

Thank you



In memory of Liz Collins

We are delighted to announce that our Library has lots of lovely new books that have been purchased in memory of Liz Collins, a valued member of our school community who loved books and reading.

These books have a special sticker inside. We hope that when you read these books, you will be sharing Liz's love of books.

Many thanks to the members of our school community who worked hard to raise the money used to buy these books and to those who donated books to be included in the collection.

The books are available for borrowing now.



Meet our Volunteers

This week our feature volunteer is Ruth Sandy, read more about Ruth and the great work she does to support Coburg North Primary School.

Name: Ruth Sandy

Children @ CNPS: Ruby, Grade 2 and Lillian, Grade 1

How have you volunteered at CNPS? (Current and past): I've helped out like so many parents with reading and spelling in the classroom, have been a class rep for a couple of years and got the new lost property system going. Oh - and we also chicken sit the school chooks over the holidays!

Why do you volunteer?: I love to meet the students in my children's classes to get to know them and establish connections. It's lovely to walk around the school yard and have kids come up and say hello and to know who your children are talking about when they get home. We moved up to Coburg from Brunswick and I felt quite lost without my old friendship group and suspected that I was not the only one - the parents start Foundation and have to establish themselves along with their children and it's not easy. I simply organised things that I needed to connect as a parent rep like the O Hea street Grade 1 and 2 Facebook pages. Sorting out the uniforms was another small thing I needed. I was sick of the depressing task of sorting through massive piles of navy blue :) Thanks to Joy and Angela Pamic and a growing team of others for their continued work on this. I would like to encourage everyone to pick up a jumper or lunch box wherever they see it and enjoy the feeling you get when someone else breathes a sigh of relief that they don't have to buy yet another jacket or food container!



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